

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: METHOD FOR RESTORING A VIRTUAL PATH IN AN  
OPTICAL NETWORK USING DYNAMIC UNICAST

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**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS ACCOMPANYING REQUEST  
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION RCE**

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office action dated November 2, 2009, which specified a three-month shortened statutory period for reply. This paper is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination and a petition for a one-month extension of time, which extends the period for reply to March 2, 2010. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 40.